

The McKinley Cabinet.

For Secretary of State—John Sherman, of Ohio.
For Secretary of the Treasury—Lyman J. Gage, of Illinois.
For Secretary of War—Russell A. Alger, of Michigan.
For Secretary of the Navy—John D. Long, of Massachusetts.
For Secretary of the Interior—J. J. McCook, of New York.
For Attorney General—Joseph McKenna, of California.
For Postmaster General—James A. Gray, of Maryland.
For Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson, of Iowa.

Pension Surgeons.

Hereafter applicants for membership upon the pension examining boards are to be put upon the rack and subjected to a rigid examination. There is at least one of these boards in each congressional district, and in some districts there are several. Hereafter an applicant must be examined by a board of three members, one of whom must be a physician. The examination will embrace a knowledge of anatomy and physiology, physical diagnosis, general and special pathology and surgery.

The Immigration Bill.

The bill to prevent the landing of any more illiterate immigrants in this country has finally passed the senate, and now goes to the president for his signature. Its chief feature is a provision which bars from these shores "all persons physically capable and over 16 years of age who can not read or write the English language or some other language; but a person not so able to read and write who is over 50 years of age, and is the parent or grand-parent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years of age capable of supporting such parents or grand-parent, may accompany such immigrant, or such parent or grand-parent may be sent for and come to join the family of a child or grandchild over 21 years of age, similarly qualified and capable, and a wife or minor child not so able to read and write may accompany or be sent for and come to join the husband or parent similarly qualified and capable."

The object of this bill is to restrict the number of uneducated or otherwise undesirable citizens, and to improve the standard of American citizenship. While this is the prime object yet its effect will be to further protect American labor against the hordes that land on our shores every year from the cheap labor centers of foreign countries. For this reason alone the proposed law will have the endorsement of an overwhelming majority of the American people.

Cannot Declare a Truth.

A few weeks ago one of our learned solons, who it is said resides in Macon county, introduced a bill in our legislature which proposes to change the ratio that has existed between the diameter and the circumference of a circle from 3.1416 to 3.2. This learned gentleman has represented that this change was to be made in the interest of facilitating mathematical calculations which have always been more or less complicated by the use of the long decimal and the plus sign.

Contrary to expectations, nature has kept right on doing business at the old stand, and the circles have continued to be just as circular as ever. But the makers of the geometrical problems and the publishers of school books have been disturbed. It was known that the Missouri legislature would not hesitate to upset the laws upon which the planetary system has been regulated for several thousand years if it believed it to be its duty to do so. Indeed it has been practically demonstrated that a majority of the Missourians at one time believed that the ratio fixed by nature between gold and silver could be easily changed by legal enactment, and now comes the joyful news that just as the house was about to change the ratio fixed by the Creator between the circumference and the diameter "the point was raised that the legislature had no power to declare a truth," and Crisp had the call on Rubey, and it was indefinitely postponed.

This is an old point. It has been raised a great many times by the people and the press. But we believe it is the first time on record that a legislature actually confessed its inability to "declare a truth." In the mean time there is great joy among mathematicians, and circular circles will still be the vogue among the makers of geometries. Nature may have changed its mind, but we do not believe it possible for Rubey to rectify them all this year.

The Treacherous Missouri.

The Missouri river has caused more trouble in regard to land than imperfect titles. It is always changing its course and taking in some man's farm and leaving hundreds of acres on the other side to be lawed over. Along the river in this vicinity much of this trouble has been experienced with the bottom land and no doubt will continue as long as the river is fickle in its choice of channels. The following is a dispatch from Des Moines in regard to a case from Howard county, Iowa:

The supreme court today handed down an opinion in a case growing out of the changes in the course of the Missouri river. A number of years ago a survey was made of several townships in the western part of the county and a large area of land was found to have been added to farms along the river by accretions. This was conceded to belong to the owners of the abutting farms. Two or three years later the river suddenly changed its course, and moved over into Nebraska, leaving a large island of Nebraska in Iowa. The abutting property owners claimed this land, but it was surveyed by the government and some of it bought from the government. Thus the island, and about 10,000 acres is said to be in Iowa. The lower court held that the land added by the change of the channel belonged to the abutting owners. The supreme court reversed this today, and held that the land was not formed by accretions, and therefore was government property. All the abutting owners, who have been claiming the land, will be disappointed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Freight Reduction Bill Goes Through the House—Stephens' Measure Defeated—Allen Land Ownership—After Road Overseers, and the University Endowment Bill Recommended.

The State University endowment bill occupied the attention of the house, the greater portion of an entire day, and was finally recommitted. Judge O'Fallon, of this county, made a powerful speech in behalf of the bill, and received the plaudits of his colleagues, as well as the Governor and others who were seated in the gallery. "Our Sam" is strictly in it on the floor of the house, and he is never on the floor unless he has something to say.

The proposed constitutional amendments to make ten jurors a sufficient number to try civil cases, to abolish the grand jury system, and to authorize the legislature to impose an inheritance tax, passed.

The house committee on constitutional amendments reported favorably the woman's suffrage amendment, and also that concerning revenue and taxation. The senate is considering a bill to abolish the office of coroner, and requiring county courts to let out road improvements by contracts, the county surveyor prepares the plans, etc., and the contractor works to these, giving bond.

The governor sent a special message to the legislature on Friday, urging the endowment of the state university.

The Catholic clergy and promoters of parochial schools all over the state have become aroused and alarmed over the bill engrossed in the house making attendance at school compulsory, and if the child attends other than a public school the instruction given must be the same as that at the public school.

A bill made its appearance in the house, that is aimed at the big department stores. It provides that each merchant who carries more than two lines of goods shall pay a license of \$50 per year upon each additional line.

The proposition to appoint a joint committee to revise the statutes, has been reported unfavorably.

Several pages have not been provided for and in order to have them taken care of a bill has been introduced with this object in view. It creates a building and loan department, with several fat jobs to be disposed of by the governor.

Ellis' general fellow servant bill will likely pass the house; the bill applies to corporations employing forty men or more.

The committee on judiciary reported unfavorably on Landrum's bill prohibiting gold contracts. They treated the special jury bill in the same manner.

The senate has passed Peers' militia bill. The bill makes some important changes in the present law. It gives commanding officers of companies, battalions, regiments, brigades and divisions power to enforce their orders and provides for the punishment by fines and imprisonment of officers and men guilty of insubordination.

Senator Gray's bill, or rather the governor's pet scheme, prohibiting corporations from becoming receivers, trustees, administrators, etc., was, after an animated debate, defeated by a 14 to 20 vote. The bill is aimed at a certain Kansas City trust company, in which President Stillwell and Judge Trimble are interested, and as these gentlemen were conspicuously against Landon's candidacy, he of course feels very bitter against them, and wanted to get even with them under the guise of "reform."

Had the bill passed Stillwell and Trimble's company would have had to quit business. Three prominent suffragists in the persons of Mrs. E. R. Reavis, Anna Sneed-Carmes and Victoria Conkling-Whitney, were before the senate and made able arguments in behalf of a proposed amendment to the constitution giving women equal suffrage.

The house has passed Farrie's bill reducing freight rates upon live stock, grain, fruits and other farm products about 25 per cent. The bill is very technical, and so no except a railroad man of years of experience, or the proverbial Philadelphia lawyer, could interpret all of its provisions.

A bill entitling children not supported by their parents, and not permanent residents of any school district, to attend school in the district in which they may be temporarily residing, was passed by the senate. There is no provision in the present school law for the schooling of abandoned children or children who, by reason of the death of their parents, have no permanent home.

It is now probable that the uniform text book bill will get a black eye in the house, as it has been recommitted to the committee on school text books. Senator Goodykoontz has introduced in the senate a bill to punish persons selling or giving away intoxicating liquors without license. Sheriffs are empowered to enter places where liquors are unlawfully sold and remove and hold the same until all fines and court costs are paid.

The bill to double the state saloon license failed to pass the senate. Among the bills introduced in the house was one by O'Fallon to release convicts sentenced to terms of not more than five years at the expiration of half of their time if they have a record for good behavior.

A bill to require street railway companies to file annual reports, showing the amount of business, with the state board of equalization, and requiring the board to assess them in the same manner as steam railways are assessed, caused a loud debate in the house. It applied originally to Kansas City and St. Louis only, but an amendment was made extending its provisions to all the street railways in the state, and the bill was sent to engrossment.

Senator Bucher's anti usury bill has passed the senate. It also subjects anyone to a fine of not exceeding \$500, or imprisonment in the city or county jail for a term of not exceeding six months, who shall sell or assign any note or mortgage or other written evidence of debt without stating to the vendee, as assignee or transferee the amount actually loaned. Such person shall be liable to the purchaser for double the amount named in such note or other written evidence of debt. The bill applies only to loans not exceeding \$500.

The house committee on criminal jurisprudence reported General "Billy" Ryder's bill inspection bill. General Ryder says that an attempt was made by a majority of the members of the committee to kill the bill, but its friends insisted that it should come before the house for consideration upon its merits. The emiseres of the brewers have been fighting it, and it looked for a time as if their fight had been successful. The fact that it lavies a tax upon the brewers, to be expended in making good roads, commends it to many persons in all parts of the state.

Representative Whitcomb introduced a bill in the house "to declare unlawful and void all agreements, contracts, arrangements, trusts or combinations which tend to control the manufacture or sale, or which tend to reduce or control the price of any product, mineral, article of merchandise or commodity." Heavy penalties are prescribed for the doing of anything prohibited by the bill.

Winter Winds.

[WRITTEN FOR THE SENTINEL.] The cruel winter wind was raging. The blinding snow was falling fast. When around a humble cottage. Roared the fierce and awful blast.

Within, a cruel storm was raging. Deep in a mother's throbbing breast; As she, her little first-born darling, So tightly to her bosom pressed.

The last spark on the hearth had vanished. The room was growing bitter cold; A young broken-hearted mother sat Her dying precious one to hold.

The last spark in its eyes had vanished. She gently laid it on the bed, And kneeling by her precious darling, Prayed to God, she too was dead.

She pleaded with her Gracious Master, That death-bed kneeling there, That he look with mercy on her, And call her from a world of care.

The night was on, the storm still raged. The lonely mother, who wept and wailed, A sad but fervent prayer was answered, Babe and mother both were dead.

Without, within that little cottage, Reigned supreme, both cold and gloom. A few short words will tell the story: "The father was a slave to rum."

N. P.

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary J. Nowland, died February 17, 1897, at the home of her grand daughter, Mrs. Sherman Cartwright, in Andrew county, Missouri. Mary J. Nowland was born August 14, 1823, at Salem, Washington county, Indiana, where she lived with her parents until February 4, 1844, when she was married to William C. Nowland, who preceded her to the Promised Land in December, 1894.

She was converted and united with the M. E. church when about 16 years old, since which time she has lived a consistent Christian life. She was the mother of two children, one son and one daughter, of which only the son (Samuel) survives. Brother and Sister Nowland have been residents of Holt county for a number of years, and were loved and respected by all who knew them. Her remains were carried to the Fairview church, in Holt county, near their home, where a large number of sympathizing friends were waiting the arrival. The funeral service was held on Saturday, February 18, 1897, at 4 p. m. Mr. Harmon Fulmer and Miss Tina Lukens. A social dance was given in the evening to their many friends. We wish the happy couple much joy.

A Tribute of Respect.

To the memory of Miss Maggie J. Raley. As members of the Ladies' Mission society and of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church of Oregon, Mo., we wish to put on record a word in regard to the sense of our loss in the death of our sister, Miss Maggie J. Raley. The church was to her a second home, and we always found that its every need was to her a cause of deep concern.

She said of herself only a few days before her sudden death that she "did not love the Savior," and her anxiety for His cause, as shown by her life, was in keeping with the statement. At the age of 15 years she united with the church.

Those that were trained by her in the home were trained to love and trust the Savior. For 30 years she was a teacher in the Sabbath school, and when not a teacher was always a scholar.

She was constant in her attendance upon the prayer meeting and preaching services. In both of our Ladies' societies she was always active and deeply interested, having been a member of our Missionary society from its organization in 1877 until called home. She was in our Aid society meeting the day before her death.

So her parting from us came very sudden. While working and planning to gether, not dreaming of separation, suddenly she was taken while we were left. Her departure makes us deeply sensible of our own weakness and need of grace.

We do not complain, but on the contrary recognize the goodness of the Heavenly Father in calling her without pain or struggle to go to be with the Savior she had known so long and well. A faithful self-sacrificing one has gone from us to the home on high. May the faith of her life be lived over again in the lives of those of us who remain.

Even though in sorrow we laid away her body in the silent city of the dead, "we sorrow not as those who have no hope," for it simply awaits the "resurrection of the just."

Resolved, by these societies that we tender our sympathies to the sorrowing friends and assure them of remembrance in our prayers, hoping that God will sustain them in their sorrow week.

We lost which we feel in common with them may be sanctified to us all. SOCIETY.

Corning.

—Lee Speer was in St. Joseph last week.

—C. B. May and wife, Sunday with W. A. Browning and family.

—Preaching fourth Sunday, morning and evening, by Rev. Hallow.

—Elder Kidour preached at the Christian church Monday night.

—Hunters are bringing in large quantities of geese and ducks every day.

—A show struck town Saturday night; we failed to learn whether they made expenses or not.

—The Christian church has been undergoing some neat repairs on the inside the past week.

—Messieurs Mascock, Sebree and Campbell were shopping in St. Joseph Tuesday of this week.

—Mr. Moore, living east of here, has returned from an extended visit with home folks in Nebraska.

—A. J. Ritter and wife have both been quite sick the past week, but at this writing they are both better.

—Holtgreve and family, of Plattsmouth, Neb., have been visiting relatives and friends here the past week.

—We understand that Alex. Van Gundy will move in the spring to South Missouri, where he will make his future home.

—Tucker Ball left Tuesday of last week for Bettie City, Montana, where he has secured a position as operator on the Great Northern railroad. His family is still here.

—Henry Scherer, from Farragut, Ia., was circulating among old acquaintances and friends here this week. He informs us that he has sold his land interests, near Hamburg, and will, in the near future, make a hunting and prospecting tour through the west.

—F. W. Hahn, Veterinary Surgeon. Will be at the Young Livery Barn in Oregon, Thursday of each week, prepared to treat all diseases of horses and cattle. Satisfaction guaranteed and charges reasonable. Will also be at the livery barn of Cotton & Stalcup, Forest City, Friday of each week.

S. M. Spore, Secretary.

Married.

At the residence of E. M. Richmond, three miles northeast of New Point, Wednesday, February 17, 1897, Mr. Bert F. Foss and Miss Gertie Richmond, of Holt county. Their attendants were Mr. Wm. L. Patterson and Miss Ross Richmond, Mr. William Curtis and Miss Maggie Crist, who stood up with the bride and groom while the ceremony was performed by G. W. Lacey precisely at 10 o'clock p. m., immediately after which a grand and excellent dinner, which had been prepared by Mrs. Richmond and others, was served.

Among those present were Mr. Lewis Wampler and lady, Mrs. Alice Freeman and son, Edward, of Liberty township; Mrs. Bell Crist and two daughters, Miss Anna and Maggie, of Clay township; Mr. W. H. Ralston and wife, of Andrew county; Mr. Grant Babcock and Mrs. A. J. Bingley, of Andrew county; Elder D. C. Foss, father of the groom was the oldest person present, having passed his 88th mile-post of life's journey.

The newly wedded couple will set up housekeeping at an early date near Holwg in this county, and in all probability the father of the groom, who recently lost his companion by death, will make his home with them.

L. G.

RADS-COTTON.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1897, at the residence of R. St. Stuart's, Mr. Sidney Eads and Miss Lora Cotton, of near Fortescue, this county.

BUTTRICK-CORRERS.

Sunday, February 21, 1897, at the bride's parents, Mr. Ed. Buttrick and Miss Julia Correns, Esquire P. F. Lundy, J. P. officiating. Both of near Fortescue, this county.

LOUEN-SQUIRE.

Married by Esquire Smith, Thursday, February 18, 1897, at 4 p. m. Mr. Green Loudon and Miss Sarah Squire, both of near Corning, this county. We congratulate them.

YOLTER-LUKENS.

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Tarkio Chapel.

—There have been two weddings in our midst since last week. And still the old bachelor is keeping house alone.

—At the Gruffs sale, the entries were made principally against Mr. Harris. It is said he bought nearly enough to keep house with.

—This is a phenomenal spring. Ducks and geese are all the same day—the heart of the small boy throbs with joy, and he thinks confidence is certainly restored.

—A few of our neighbors are going to Central Missouri this spring. We expect them to come back some of these days, as nearly all those who leave old Holt do. They come back poorer, but wiser.

—Again our legislature is wasting the people's time and money in foolishness. If the report is true that a bill has been introduced to send a delegation to the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill in Nevada, March 17. A few years ago when the Missouri legislature came, some Republican were sent to the legislature where Democrats had been usually sent and we had what some people called a hay stack legislature. We might now have an athletic legislature, or something like that.

—All through church on last Sunday morning Squire Lundy was noticed reading a large book. Close scrutiny showed it was a copy of the Missouri statutes. Pack seemed restless, and finally when church was out he tried to read a large book. Close scrutiny showed it was a copy of the Missouri statutes. Pack seemed restless, and finally when church was out he tried to read a large book. Close scrutiny showed it was a copy of the Missouri statutes.

—The Banks literary is running at full blast. Carney Craig, president.

—Mr. Walter Banks is now assisting his brother, Lewis, in delivering corn to Forest City.

Chambers.

—George Watson is improving very rapidly.

—A. N. Cotton, of Forbes, is here, hauling cars for the Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cotton bought from Mr. H. E. Burnett.

—Mrs. A. J. Jimison was passing through our midst one day last week, enroute to Mrs. Watson's, her daughter.

—Gurnee, Gurnee, look out, or you will have to make fires and sweep out yet for the school marm. It will not do to play truant.

—A man has moved on one of Mr. Quirk's farms from Nodaway county. We have not learned his name yet, but will for the next issue.

—Wonder why some people that are capable of teaching school want to be so inquisitive to little children? Why don't they ask some one that is older?

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